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Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

SPOE	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	Total	Avg. per Month
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	154	145	146	187	172	158	149	133	169	180	167	172	1,932	161.0
Referrals resulting in IFSP	75	63	76	101	79	78	73	60	75	82	72	61	895	74.6
% that went to IFSP	48.7%	43.4%	52.1%	54.0%	45.9%	49.4%	49.0%	45.1%	44.4%	45.6%	43.1%	35.5%	46.3%	
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	246	215	199	235	239	224	221	208	228	197	258	216	2,686	223.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	103	96	78	104	102	91	106	79	110	76	107	77	1,129	94.1
% that went to IFSP	41.9%	44.7%	39.2%	44.3%	42.7%	40.6%	48.0%	38.0%	48.2%	38.6%	41.5%	35.6%	42.0%	
Northeast (Reg. 3)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	84	61	74	89	80	86	76	52	95	81	98	81	957	79.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	28	27	26	30	28	29	22	19	34	29	37	22	331	27.6
% that went to IFSP	33.3%	44.3%	35.1%	33.7%	35.0%	33.7%	28.9%	36.5%	35.8%	35.8%	37.8%	27.2%	34.6%	
Northwest (Reg. 4)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	124	122	119	133	129	123	105	112	128	128	123	132	1,478	123.2
Referrals resulting in IFSP	45	57	53	56	66	52	53	55	50	48	45	52	632	52.7
% that went to IFSP	36.3%	46.7%	44.5%	42.1%	51.2%	42.3%	50.5%	49.1%	39.1%	37.5%	36.6%	39.4%	42.8%	
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	189	185	148	209	213	174	173	172	223	201	232	216	2,335	194.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	72	89	62	84	81	75	71	77	90	86	95	65	947	78.9
% that went to IFSP	38.1%	48.1%	41.9%	40.2%	38.0%	43.1%	41.0%	44.8%	40.4%	42.8%	40.9%	30.1%	40.6%	
Central (Reg. 6)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	117	104	120	131	111	145	117	100	149	124	111	132	1,461	121.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	46	36	53	60	54	54	56	38	67	46	54	50	614	51.2
% that went to IFSP	39.3%	34.6%	44.2%	45.8%	48.6%	37.2%	47.9%	38.0%	45.0%	37.1%	48.6%	37.9%	42.0%	
Southwest (Reg. 7)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	73	81	63	79	85	59	74	56	78	69	83	79	879	73.3
Referrals resulting in IFSP	31	37	29	40	39	25	34	25	33	37	44	35	409	34.1
% that went to IFSP	42.5%	45.7%	46.0%	50.6%	45.9%	42.4%	45.9%	44.6%	42.3%	53.6%	53.0%	44.3%	46.5%	
South Central (Reg. 8)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	143	130	109	134	145	137	140	88	130	158	138	150	1,602	133.5
Referrals resulting in IFSP	45	67	43	62	67	58	59	46	55	69	53	62	686	57.2
% that went to IFSP	31.5%	51.5%	39.4%	46.3%	46.2%	42.3%	42.1%	52.3%	42.3%	43.7%	38.4%	41.3%	42.8%	
East Central (Reg. 9)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	128	109	111	166	151	122	120	115	149	140	163	133	1,607	133.9
Referrals resulting in IFSP	48	50	41	71	77	52	60	47	59	64	74	53	696	58.0
% that went to IFSP	37.5%	45.9%	36.9%	42.8%	51.0%	42.6%	50.0%	40.9%	39.6%	45.7%	45.4%	39.8%	43.3%	
Southeast (Reg. 10)														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	101	83	73	125	97	102	89	91	95	104	133	112	1,205	100.4
Referrals resulting in IFSP	29	34	32	50	37	41	36	29	51	46	56	53	494	41.2
% that went to IFSP	28.7%	41.0%	43.8%	40.0%	38.1%	40.2%	40.4%	31.9%	53.7%	44.2%	42.1%	47.3%	41.0%	
Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE	1359	1235	1162	1488	1422	1330	1264	1127	1444	1382	1506	1423	16,142	1345.2
Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP	522	556	493	658	630	555	570	475	624	583	637	530	6,833	569.4
% that went to IFSP	38.4%	45.0%	42.4%	44.2%	44.3%	41.7%	45.1%	42.1%	43.2%	42.2%	42.3%	37.2%	42.3%	

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child
IFSP counts are unduplicated

Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	798	84	163	887
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	330	28	74	463
IFSP Rate	41.4%	33.3%	45.4%	52.2%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,245	120	155	1,166
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	475	32	55	567
IFSP Rate	38.2%	26.7%	35.5%	48.6%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	578	90	109	180
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	201	15	30	85
IFSP Rate	34.8%	16.7%	27.5%	47.2%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	650	34	111	683
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	241	9	44	338
IFSP Rate	37.1%	26.5%	39.6%	49.5%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,055	144	196	940
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	399	34	74	440
IFSP Rate	37.8%	23.6%	37.8%	46.8%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	906	104	136	315
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	363	30	57	164
IFSP Rate	40.1%	28.8%	41.9%	52.1%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	385	58	167	269
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	146	18	87	158
IFSP Rate	37.9%	31.0%	52.1%	58.7%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	739	189	216	458
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	297	39	102	248
IFSP Rate	40.2%	20.6%	47.2%	54.1%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	784	128	179	516
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	317	28	81	270
IFSP Rate	40.4%	21.9%	45.3%	52.3%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	619	167	1,570	281
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	273	19	644	162
IFSP Rate	44.1%	11.4%	41.0%	57.7%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,759	1,118	1,570	5,695
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	3,042	252	644	2,895
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	39.2%	22.5%	41.0%	50.8%
% by Source - Statewide	48.1%	6.9%	9.7%	35.3%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	730	124	255	134	1,243
	Percent	58.7%	10.0%	24.5%	10.8%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	972	173	284	169	1,598
	Percent	60.8%	10.8%	20.6%	10.6%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	276	18	147	59	500
	Percent	55.2%	3.6%	31.9%	11.8%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	550	23	160	72	805
	Percent	68.3%	2.9%	19.2%	8.9%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	879	19	254	147	1,299
	Percent	67.7%	1.5%	22.0%	11.3%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	552	45	204	63	864
	Percent	63.9%	5.2%	26.4%	7.3%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	377	41	64	48	530
	Percent	71.1%	7.7%	18.0%	9.1%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	591	105	183	69	948
	Percent	62.3%	11.1%	19.0%	7.3%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	628	33	191	114	966
	Percent	65.0%	3.4%	24.1%	11.8%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	431	15	132	63	641
	Percent	67.2%	2.3%	21.3%	9.8%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,986	596	1,874	938	9,394
	Percent	63.7%	6.3%	19.9%	10.0%	100.0%

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,138	85	1,223	12	1,235
	Percent	92.1%	6.9%	99.0%	1.0%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,513	64	1,577	9	1,586
	Percent	95.4%	4.0%	99.4%	0.6%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	457	35	492	3	495
	Percent	92.3%	7.1%	99.4%	0.6%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	728	69	797	0	797
	Percent	91.3%	8.7%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,208	80	1,288	0	1,288
	Percent	93.8%	6.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	759	92	851	1	852
	Percent	89.1%	10.8%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	474	53	527	0	527
	Percent	89.9%	10.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	832	103	935	1	936
	Percent	88.9%	11.0%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	928	31	959	2	961
	Percent	96.6%	3.2%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	580	58	638	0	638
	Percent	90.9%	9.1%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	8,617	670	9,287	28	9,315
	Percent	92.5%	7.2%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	5.28%	4.81%	4.24%	3.96%	3.78%	4.61%	4.22%	4.12%	4.84%	4.37%	4.43%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	5.13%	3.41%	1.18%	1.81%	1.66%	2.58%	3.96%	3.62%	3.39%	0.00%	3.11%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.67%	5.76%	2.91%	5.42%	4.29%	5.29%	3.87%	3.48%	5.97%	6.41%	5.18%
White											
% of Pop.	5.10%	4.28%	4.42%	3.83%	3.69%	4.60%	4.34%	4.24%	4.78%	4.10%	4.31%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	5.68%	6.38%	0.00%	0.00%	0.31%	0.00%	1.11%	0.42%	0.85%	0.00%	1.07%

*Census data (2021 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	101	93	22	78	193	89	84	72	56	39	827
Under 3 Pop.	1,458	1,771	470	1,730	5,009	1,243	1,707	1,378	922	682	16,370
% of Pop.	6.93%	5.25%	4.68%	4.51%	3.85%	7.16%	4.92%	5.22%	6.07%	5.72%	5.05%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,142	1,505	478	727	1,106	775	446	876	910	602	8,567
Under 3 Pop.	22,072	31,483	11,320	18,575	29,316	17,487	10,867	21,634	19,038	13,970	195,762
% of Pop.	5.17%	4.78%	4.22%	3.91%	3.77%	4.43%	4.10%	4.05%	4.78%	4.31%	4.38%

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.5%	2.7%	3.7%	10.5%	12.0%	9.7%	7.5%	45.0%	8.4%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.3%	2.4%	3.7%	12.0%	3.2%	10.5%	5.8%	54.3%	7.9%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.3%	0.0%	2.8%	14.2%	2.2%	12.3%	5.4%	55.8%	6.9%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.4%	2.2%	4.1%	18.6%	3.4%	9.7%	6.6%	50.2%	4.8%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.3%	2.0%	6.5%	10.3%	4.5%	8.9%	7.7%	53.1%	6.7%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.4%	0.9%	4.3%	13.9%	3.1%	11.0%	8.1%	51.1%	7.2%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.5%	7.1%	4.7%	20.2%	1.8%	7.1%	5.5%	45.7%	7.3%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.0%	2.9%	2.8%	22.9%	2.4%	8.0%	8.9%	45.7%	6.4%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.8%	2.4%	3.5%	13.8%	1.7%	11.0%	7.8%	54.7%	4.4%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.2%	1.6%	2.8%	22.0%	3.8%	12.1%	8.7%	43.8%	5.0%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.4%	2.4%	4.0%	14.9%	4.1%	9.9%	7.2%	50.3%	6.6%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.